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**INQUIRY INTO HIGH LEVEL OF FIRST NATIONS  
PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND OVERSIGHT AND REVIEW OF  
DEATHS IN CUSTODY**

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As the mother of 2 indigenous boys that had been targeted as part of a local police initiative, i feel that they were filtered into the system. Once the teenagers fell into the trap and became part of the system, opportunity for true rehabilitation was removed.

They were never provided a formal education. No body ever followed up my queries re: this. Health care was and is the bare minimum. Teeth being removed as opposed to being filled. Appropriate nutrition appears non essential for growing teenagers. This has long term medical implications on the body. There was not any formal access to keeping up with the the global technological advancements made.

My 14year old had been isolated, on his own, in a cell for 3 weeks straight. He was beaten and sat upon by grown men. We, his family, now live the consequences of the related mental health issues.

I understand males develop their attitudes from those adult males around them in their teens, imagine what my son took on if that ^ was the example.

This current system reduces the opportunities for Indigenous people to positively engage in society in a number of ways.

That is just a taste of my opinion on the effects of locking people away and teens in isolation for weeks on end.